

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.-22. (Canceled)

23. (Currently Amended) A computer implemented method for communicating dining preferences of a customer to an establishment, the computer implemented method comprising:

storing a plurality of dining preferences for a set of different and unrelated restaurants by restaurant name in a memory of a personal storage device, in response to receiving a personal identification certificate, wherein each dining preference comprises a selection of food items corresponding to a menu associated with a restaurant identified by the restaurant name, wherein the restaurant is one in the set of different and unrelated restaurants and wherein the each dining preference further comprises food preparation preferences, wherein the plurality of dining preferences comprises a first set of dining preferences and a second set of dining preferences, and wherein the first set of dining preferences is identified by a first restaurant name and the second set of dining preferences is identified by a second restaurant name;

~~detecting, by a data processing system, a portable storage device associated with a customer, wherein the portable storage device comprises a first set of dining preferences for a first restaurant in a set of different and unrelated restaurants and a second set of dining preference for a second restaurant in the set of different and unrelated restaurants, wherein the first set of dining preferences comprises a first selection of food items and food preparation preferences associated with the first restaurant, wherein the second set of dining preferences comprises a second selection of food items and food preparation preferences, wherein the first set of dining preferences and the second set of dining preferences are stored in a memory of the portable storage device by corresponding restaurant name, in response to receiving a personal identification certificate;~~

reading retrieving, by [[the]] a data processing system in the first restaurant, the first set of dining preferences identified by the first restaurant name from the portable storage device, wherein the second set of dining preferences are not retrieved;

displaying the first set of dining preferences, on a display in the first restaurant, for order verification, wherein the second set of dining preferences stored on the portable storage device are not displayed;

responsive to receiving an input from the customer verifying the first set of dining preferences, generating a verified first set of dining preferences;

responsive to receiving ~~[[a]]~~ the verified first set of dining preferences, generating a food order using the first set of dining preference; and

storing the first set of dining preferences ~~in the memory of the portable storage device and on an order system in the first restaurant.~~

24. (Previously Presented) The computer implemented method of claim 19 wherein the portable storage device comprises a processor and a communications interface.

25. (Previously Presented) The computer implemented method of claim 20 wherein the communication interface allows for communication with the first restaurant and writing the first set of dining preferences to the portable storage device using the communications interface.

26. (Previously Presented) The computer implemented method of claim 20 wherein the communication interface allows for communication with the second restaurant and writing the second set of dining preferences to the portable storage device using the communications interface.

27. (Currently Amended) The computer implemented method of claim 19 further comprising: responsive to ~~[[a]]~~ the customer indicating modifications to the first set of dining preferences, receiving the modifications; and updating the first set of dining preferences to form an updated first set of dining preferences;

28. (Previously Presented) The computer implemented method of claim 23, wherein the updated first set of dining preferences are stored in the memory of the portable storage device and the order system.

29. (Previously Presented) The computer implemented method of claim 23, wherein the food order is generated using the updated first set of dining preferences.

30. (Currently Amended) A computer program product in a recordable-type medium for communicating dining preferences of a customer to an establishment, the computer program product comprising:

instructions for storing a plurality of dining preferences for a set of different and unrelated restaurants by restaurant name in a memory of a personal storage device, in response to receiving a

personal identification certificate, wherein each dining preference comprises a selection of food items corresponding to a menu associated with a restaurant identified by the restaurant name, wherein the restaurant is one in the set of different and unrelated restaurants, and wherein the each dining preference further comprises food preparation preferences, wherein the plurality of dining preferences comprises a first set of dining preferences and a second set of dining preferences, and wherein the first set of dining preferences is identified by a first restaurant name and the second set of dining preferences is identified by a second restaurant name;

instructions for detecting, by a data processing system, a portable storage device associated with a customer, wherein the portable storage device comprises a first set of dining preferences for a first restaurant in a set of different and unrelated restaurants and a second set of dining preference for a second restaurant in the set of different and unrelated restaurants, wherein the first set of dining preferences comprises a first selection of food items and food preparation preferences associated with the first restaurant, wherein the second set of dining preferences comprises a second selection of food items and food preparation preferences, wherein the first set of dining preferences and the second set of dining preferences are stored in a memory of the portable storage device by corresponding restaurant name, in response to receiving a personal identification certificate;

instructions for retrieving, by [[the]] a data processing system in the first restaurant, the first set of dining preferences identified by the first restaurant name from the portable storage device, wherein the second set of dining preferences are not retrieved;

instructions for displaying the first set of dining preferences, on a display in the first restaurant, for order verification, wherein the second set of dining preferences stored on the portable storage device are not displayed;

instructions for generating a verified first set of dining preferences, responsive to receiving an input from the customer verifying the first set of dining preferences;

instructions for receiving a verified first set of dining preferences;

instructions for generating a food order using the verified first set of dining preferences; and

instructions for storing the first set of dining preferences in the memory of the portable storage device and on an order system in the first restaurant.

31. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 26, further comprising:
instructions for receiving modifications to the first set of dining preferences; and updating the first set of dining preferences with the received modifications to form an updated first set of dining preferences.

32. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 27, further comprising instructions for generating the food order using the updated first set of dining preferences.

33. (Currently Amended) A data processing system for communicating dining preferences of a customer to an establishment, the computer implemented method comprising:

a memory for storing a plurality of dining preferences for a set of different and unrelated restaurants by restaurant name in a memory of a personal storage device, in response to receiving a personal identification certificate, wherein each dining preference comprises a selection of food items corresponding to a menu associated with a restaurant identified by the restaurant name, wherein the restaurant is one in the set of different and unrelated restaurants, and wherein the each dining preference further comprises food preparation preferences, wherein the plurality of dining preferences comprises a first set of dining preferences and a second set of dining preferences, and wherein the first set of dining preferences is identified by a first restaurant name and the second set of dining preferences is identified by a second restaurant name;

~~detecting means for detecting, by a data processing system, a portable storage device associated with a customer, wherein the portable storage device comprises a first set of dining preferences for a first restaurant in a set of different and unrelated restaurants and a second set of dining preference for a second restaurant in the set of different and unrelated restaurants, wherein the first set of dining preferences comprises a first selection of food items and food preparation preferences associated with the first restaurant, wherein the second set of dining preferences comprises a second selection of food items and food preparation preferences, wherein the first set of dining preferences and the second set of dining preferences are stored in a memory of the portable storage device by corresponding restaurant name, in response to receiving a personal identification certificate;~~

reading retrieving means for reading retrieving, by [[the]] a data processing system in the first restaurant, the first set of dining preferences identified by the first restaurant name from the portable storage device, wherein the second set of dining preferences are not retrieved;

displaying means for displaying the first set of dining preferences, on a display in the first restaurant, for order verification, wherein the second set of dining preferences stored on the portable storage device are not displayed;

generating means for generating a verified first set of dining preferences, responsive to receiving an input from the customer verifying the first set of dining preferences;

instructions for receiving a verified first set of dining preferences;

generating means for generating a food order using the verified first set of dining preferences; and

storing means for storing the first set of dining preferences on an order system in the first restaurant.